

3rd TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2022-2023
CLASS -IX
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

TIME: 3 Hrs

THEORY: 75
M.M:100
PROJECT: 25

SECTION-A
Reading Skills

Q.1. Read the given passage and answer the following questions.

Kalpana Chawla, the astronaut who died on aboard the space shuttle Columbia, had been sponsoring two students from her school (Tagore Bal Niketan in Kamal) each year since 1997 for the International Space School Camp in Houston.

Manpreet Kaur and Namita Alung visited NASA in August 2002. "We spent an excellent day with KC; she even cooked for us and made us feel totally at home," said Namita. These two and other youngsters who benefited from this programme say KC, as she was popularly known might have been the first Indian-born woman in space but was entirely unaffected by her success.

Gaurav Goel of the 1999 batch and now an engineering student at Ambala said, "Not only was KC down to earth, she still retained the Indian in herself despite living in US for so many years." Even as a student, Kalpana had looked out for other students. She used to pay the fees for two of her college mates who could not afford it. "It is possible that to this day they are not aware that Kalpana used to pay their tuition fees," says Sovina Sood, Kalpana's junior in the Punjab Engineering College. Sovina who now teaches Civil Engineering said that sometimes Kalpana would hand over the money to her "but-ask me not to disclose it to anybody."

- (1) What did Kalpana Chawla do since 1997?
- (2) Who visited NASA in August 2002?
- (3) What did Kalpana Chawla do for her college mates when she was a student?
 - a) provide food for three college mates
 - b) provide food for two college mates
 - c) pay fees of her two college mates
 - d) pay fees of her three college mates
- (4) Give a word from the passage that means same as 'getting advantage'.
 - a) sponsoring
 - b) benefited
 - c) affordd) entirely
- (5) Sponsoring means—
 - (a) to provide support, (b) contributing, (c) participating.

II. Read the following poem and answer the questions. (1Mark each)

A Ballad of Heaven

He wrought at one great work for years;
The world passed by with lofty look;
Sometimes his eyes were dashed with tears;
Sometimes his lips with laughter shook.
His wife and child went clothed in rags,
And in a windy garret starved;

He trod his measure on the flags,
 And high on heaven his music carved.
 Wistful he grew but never feared;
 For always on the midnight skies
 His rich orchestral score appeared
 In stars and zones and galaxies. He thought to copy down his score;
 The moonlight was his lamp; he said,
 'Listen my love,' but on the floor
 His wife and child were lying dead.

John Davidson

1. People passed by him with pride but never:
 - (a) talked to him (b) discouraged him
 - (c) praised him (d) helped him.
2. The artist was indifferent to the family:
 - (a) which lived in a cold-room (b) they wore worn-out clothes
 - (c) he never bothered that they were starving (d) all of the above.
3. He looked up to the sky for:
 - (a) the inspiration of his music (b) its blue colour
 - (c) the glitter of the stars (d) treasure.
4. He completed his masterpiece but :
 - (a) achieved failure (b) lost his family
 - (c) could now pay a heavy price (d) did not enjoy personal glory.
5. The synonym for the word 'wistful' is:
 - (a) sorrow (b) grieved
 - (c) tragic (d) sad.

III. Read the following passage carefully, supply a title, make notes and prepare a summary of it. (4 Marks)

In democratic countries, any effort to restrict the freedom of the press are rightly criticized. However, this freedom can be easily abused. Stories about people often attract far more public attention than political events. Though we may enjoy reading about the lives of others, it is extremely doubtful whether we would equally enjoy reading about ourselves. Acting on the basis that facts are sacred, reporters can cause untold sufferings to individuals by publishing details about their private lives. Newspapers have such a great influence that not only can they bring about major changes to the lives of ordinary people but can even overthrow the government

SECTION-B
Writing Skills

IV. You are Sakshi/Saksham living in Vellore. Your family plans to go for a vacation to Udaipur this vacation. Write a letter to the Front Office Manager of a five-star hotel seeking information about the types of rooms, tariffs, facilities, availability etc in their hotel.
 (4 Marks)

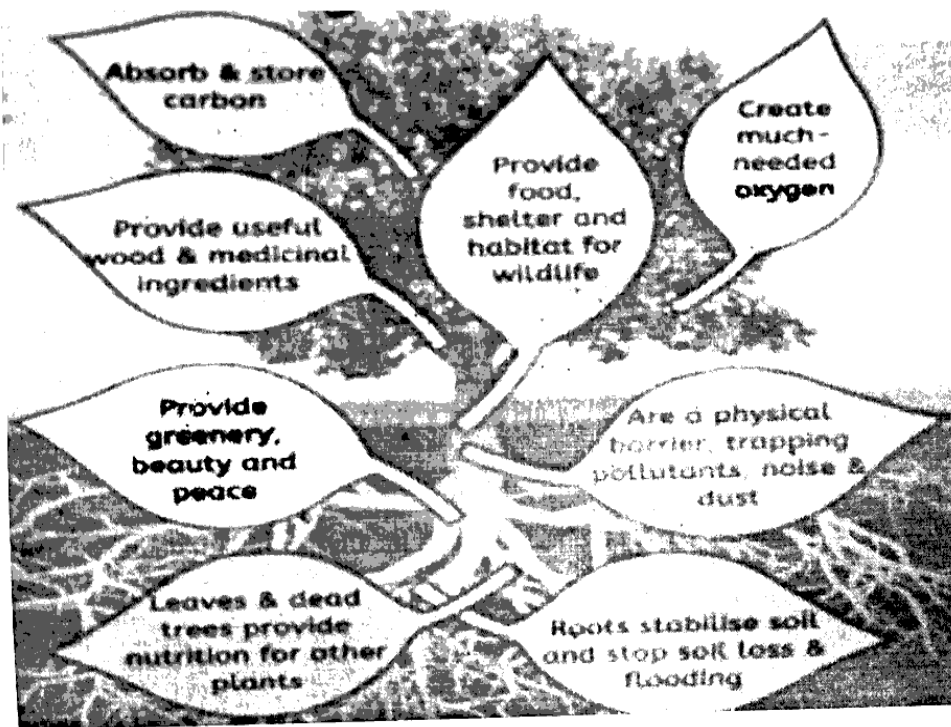
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IV. Write a letter to your mother congratulating her for winning 'The Best Mother ' award contest held in your society.

V. Write a paragraph on ANY ONE of the following (4 Marks)

1. Annual function in your school
2. Discipline
3. An Indian Festival

VI. Observe the picture and write an article based on it. Give a suitable title (4 Marks)



SECTION C Grammar

VII. Fill in the blanks (1 Mark each)

1. An honest man always ___ the truth (tell/ tells)
2. She ___ speak English and French (can/may)
3. Rice ___ Curry his favourite dish. (is/are)
4. He is ___ honest man. (a/an/the)
5. It has been raining ___ yesterday. (since/for)

VIII. DO as directed:

1. He was cutting a tree. (change into simple past tense)
2. He is very poor. He cannot pay fees. (using so... that ,make correct sentence)
3. a/ film/went/Meet/Raj/see/and/to. (Re-arrange into meaningful sentence)
4. I take coffee (change into passive voice)
5. The teacher said to the class, "Why are you wasting your time?" (change into indirect speech)

IX. Choose the correct option

1. Which two temples did the writer visit?
 A) Doleshwar Mahadev B) Pashupati Nath and Boudhanath Stupa
 C) Gokarna Mahadev Temple D) Santaneshwor Mahadev Temple
2. What kind of girl was Santosh ?
 A) a hard working girl with a strong mind B) a brat C) arrogant D) none
3. When was little Maria packed off to U.S?
 A) at the age of 9 B) at the age of 14
 C) at the age of 15 D) at the age of 10 for training in tennis with her father

4. What killed the tree?

- A) scorching and chopping B) floods C) irresponsible behaviours D) All

SECTION D

Literature

X. Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below.

A. Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May 2157, she wrote, 'Today Tommy found a real book!' It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to — on a screen, you know. And then when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had had when they read it the first time.

- (i) What did Margie write in her diary?
- (ii) Had Margie ever seen a book before?
- (iii) 'They' turned the pages. Who does 'They' refer to?

B. A slumber did my spirit seal-
I had no human fears.
She scented a thing that could not feel
The touch of earthy years.
No notion has she now, no force-
She neither hears nor sees,
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
With rocks and stones and trees.

- a) What does 'the slumber' refer to in the first line?
- (b) Who does 'I' refer to in this stanza?
- (c) Who does 'she' refer to in this stanza?

XI. Answer the following ANY SIX (2 Marks each)

1. Why was Santosh sent to the local school?
2. Why does Vikram Seth compare to the quills of a porcupine
3. How old are Margie and Tommy?
4. Where was Abdul Kalam's house?
5. The writer says, "All this I wash down with Coca Cola." What does 'all this' refer to?
6. What was the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kaliyug?
7. How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?
8. What did Margie write in her diary?

XII. Answer the following ANY TWO (2 Marks each)

1. How does the poet imagine her to be after death?
2. How had the tree grown to its full size?
3. What is the meaning of "anchoring earth" and "earth cave"?

XIII. Answer the following ANY TWO (2 Marks each)

1. Why does the author break down in tears after the fire?
2. Has Lushkoff become a beggar by circumstance or by choice?
3. When did the child realise that he has lost his way?
4. Why did the swallow not leave the prince and go to Egypt?

XIV. Answer the following ANY TWO (3 Marks each)

1. How did Santosh begin to climb mountains?
2. Compare and contrast the atmosphere in and around the Boudhanath shrine with the Pashupatinath temple.
3. What are the main features of the mechanical teachers and the school rooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story?
4. What characteristics does Kalam inherited from his parents?

XV. Answer the following ANY ONE (3 Marks each)

1. What does the poet mean by “ the strength of the tree exposed” ?
2. What is the meaning of “bleeding bark”? What makes it bleeding?

*******ALL THE BEST*******